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Dear professor Lederberg:

It gives me a pleasure to inform you that we seem to be about to finalize preliminary arrangements here in Moscow with respect to a joint informal working session with American colleagues to be held in Washington area within May 28-29. I have had a chance to talk to academicians V. Bolshakov, V. Ivanov and L. Sandakhchiev and can confirm May 26 as an arrival date for our group. Now we would appreciate Dr. Jo Husbands' help with sending us by fax a formal invitation to start visa procedure. In view of this important meeting and specific goals and objectives we plan to attain together I would like to ask your personal assistance with adding to our four-member group Yuriy Shiyan, Coordinator for interacademy Agreement projects including CISAC activities who has been involved in this program since 1981 and could be helpful due to his practical experience and level of proficiency. I would also need him if I am able to visit this time NIH and other proper institutions.

I feel it could be also useful for our American colleagues to know that nowadays in Russia there two principal organizations to deal with on BW control issues i.e. a new Presidential Committee on Convention Problems of Chemical and Biological Weapons /academician Anatoliy Kuntsevitch, Chairman/ and Department of Armed Forces Staff of Russian Federation headed by Major-General Valentin Yevstigneev.

It is our understanding that Ministry of Health of Russian Federation could be involved in our joint work as well.

Thanks again for your great contribution to renewal of our cooperation in this important area. Looking forward to see you soon,

Sincerely yours



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